Social Structure in Poland:  
POLPAN 1988 - 2003  

- Methodology -
**THE POLPAN Project**


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**SHORT HISTORY of the POLPAN (1)**

**THE ORIGINS OF POLPAN SAMPLE**

- 1986 CBOS sampling frame
  - 815 primary sampling units (voting areas)
    - spread over the whole territory of Poland
    - stratified according to both region and rural-urban
  - data gathered through interviews conducted in all households in selected PSUs
  - final content: demographic data on 130,000 individuals aged 12 and over
  - late 80’s – the only available sampling frame of individuals

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**POLPAN 1st Wave 1988**

- **Response rate 72.4%**

- Basic Sample 6,000
  - Agreed 4,346
    - Completed interviews 5,817
  - Substitutions Sample 3,127
  - Did not agree 1,654

- Panel members aged 21-65

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**Sample Design**

- Basic Sample
  - Agreed
  - Completed Interviews
  - Substitutions Sample
  - Did not agree

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**POLPAN 2nd Wave 1993**

- **Response Rate = 70.6%**

- 1988 Completed Interviews
  - Basic 2,096
  - Substitutions 2,621
  - Total 5,817

- 1993 Sample
  - Basic 1,595
  - Substitutions 664
  - Total 2,259

- Panel members aged 26-71
POLPAN 4th Wave 2003/2004

1998 Completed Interviews: 2,135
2003/2004 Sample: 2,135
2003/2004 Completed Interviews: 1,474

Response Rate = 69%

Total: 1,699

'OLD' PANEL MEMBERS (aged 26-81):
- 2,135 completed interviews

'NEW' PANEL MEMBERS (aged 21-25):
- 317 completed interviews
- Response Rate = 71%

The structure of POLPAN final data file:

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Processing of POLPAN data:

Sampling data:
- Original 2003 cases n=1664
- Follow-up 2004 cases n=35
2003/2004 data file:
- n=225